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SUBJ: LARG INCREASES CONTROL OVER DOMESTIC FLYING

1. ALL OIL COMPANIES OPERATING IN LARG WERE SUMMONED
TO MEETING WITH DG CIVIL AVIATION APRIL 10.

2. CIGIV SPOKESMAN STATED:

A) AS OF MAY 1 LIBYAN ARAB AIRLINES (LAA) WILL
TAKE OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL DOMESTIC CHARTER
OPERATIONS. IN PRACTICAL TERMS, TWO EXISTING CHARTER
COMPANIES IN LAR, LINAIR (BELGIAN) AND KARDAR 'YUGOSLAV),
WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE, BUT OIL COMPANIES MUST MAKE
ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH LAA, WHICH WILL THEN HAVE OPTION
OF USING ITS OWN AIRCRAFT OR ONE OR TWO FOREIGN CHARTER
LINES.

B) PETROLEUM LAW ENSURES TO OIL COMPANIES RIGHT TO
TRANSPORT PEOPLE. CIVAV IS STUDYING WHETHER SUCH
"RIGHT" INCLUDES RIGHT TO USE COMPANY- OWNED AIRCRAFT.

3. EMBASSY DISCUSSED IMPLICATIONS OF NEW POLICY WITH
ESSO PRESIDENT COX AND AMOSEAS PRESIDENT GLOSS, WHO
MADE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS:

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A) POLICY DECLARATION BY LARG CIVAV IS NOT REALLY NEW. IN PAST, WHEN COMPANIES USED LOCAL CHARTER LINES OR BROUGHT CHARTERS FROM EUROPE, AS MATTER OF PRUDENCE THEY CHECKED FIRST WITH LAA.

B) COMPANIES WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE USING THEIR OWN AIRCRAFT FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE BUT IT CLEAR CIVAV LOOKING FOR WAYS TO CURTAIL OR TAKE OVER THIS TYPE OF FLYING.

4. ON RELATED MATTER, COX VOICED CONCERN OVER LIBYAN PRESSURE TO GET LIBYAN COPILOTS INTO FOKKER AIRCRAFT, WHICH HANDLE MOST LAA DOMESTIC RUNS. COX SAID ESSO'S PILOTS REPORT MANY LIBYAN LAA COPILOTS HAVE LITTLE MORE THAN 500 HOURS FLYING TIME AND ARE BEING INSTRUCTED BY PAKISTANIS, WHO HAVE LITTLE MORE THAN 1000 HOURS.

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